

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

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FRIDAY, January 18, 2008

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

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### CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

#### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 289** offered by Senator Wirch.

#### SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Bill 1**

**Senate Bill 280**

**Senate Joint Resolution 5**

**Senate Joint Resolution 69**

**Senate Joint Resolution 75**

**Senate Joint Resolution 78**

Report correctly enrolled on 1–18–2008.

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### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

Read first time and referred:

#### **Senate Bill 402**

Relating to: expenditure of \$228,792.62 from moneys appropriated to the Department of Administration in payment of a claim against the state to indemnify Georgia Thompson, a state of Wisconsin employee.

By Senator Miller; cosponsored by Representative Stone.  
To joint committee on **Finance**.

#### **Senate Bill 403**

Relating to: the property tax exemption for low-income housing.

By Senators Taylor, Coggs, Plale, Breske and Decker; cosponsored by Representatives Gottlieb, Grigsby, Albers, Davis, Fields, Hahn, Honadel, Montgomery, Stone, Townsend, Turner, Young, Van Roy and Rhoades.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, and Housing**.

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### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### State of Wisconsin

#### Department of Health and Family Services

January 16, 2008

The Honorable, Senate:

In [1997 Act 27](#), the Legislature established requirements in state law intended to strengthen protections for children and

vulnerable adults in organized care settings. The provisions require, among other things, that designated caregivers conduct background checks on all new and existing staff and bar them from employing anyone who has committed certain crimes or acts. DHFS and counties (for certain child care providers) and local school boards must perform checks on a provider before issuing a license or other credential. Individuals who have committed prohibited crimes or acts may apply to the Department, counties, or school boards for a waiver of the employment or licensing bans upon evidence of rehabilitation.

Sections [48.685\(5g\)](#) and [50.065\(5g\)](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes direct the Department to submit an annual report to the legislature that specifies the number of persons who have sought waivers of employment or licensing bans by requesting to demonstrate that they have been rehabilitated. The report must also specify the number of requests that were approved and the reasons for the success or failure of the requests. Attached is the report for 2007.

Questions about this report should be referred to Diane Welsh, Chief Legal Counsel, at 266–1404. Thank you for distributing this report to members of the Senate.

Sincerely,  
*KEVIN R. HAYDEN*  
Secretary

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#### State of Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council

January 17, 2008

The Honorable, Senate:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following report to the 2007 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council.

RL 2007–21      Special Committee on Strengthening  
Wisconsin Families [2007 Assembly  
Bills 663, 683, 684, 685 and 700]

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of this report are available at the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401, or from our web page at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/>.

Sincerely,  
*TERRY C. ANDERSON*  
Director

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#### State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

January 17, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people

authorized to lobby the 2007–2008 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board’s web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

Broydrick, William	Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Burns, Ann Forest	Great Lakes Timber Professional Association
Carlson, Michael	Gathering Waters Conservancy, Inc.
Driessen, Anthony	Consumer Data Industry Association
Dums, Dennis	Citizens Utility Board
Fonfara, Thomas	Consumer Data Industry Association
Franken, Andrew	Association of American Publishers
Hendrick, John	Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups Inc
Hubbard, Gregory	Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Johnson, Amy	Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin
Kobza, Lawrie	Wisconsin Water Association
Kohl, Daniel	Seed Foundation, The
Morgan, Tom	Milwaukee Teachers Education Association
O’Connor, Alice	Wisconsin Merchants Federation
Osborne, Patrick	Association of American Publishers
Ribbens Rohde, Eileen	Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project, Inc.

Robinson, Jon  
Schryver, Ryan  
Thomas, Kerry  
Ward, David

K12 Inc  
Clean Wisconsin Inc  
Transit Now  
Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives

Also available from the Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,  
*KEVIN KENNEDY*  
Legal Counsel

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Pursuant to Senate Rule [17 \(5\)](#), Senator Hansen added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 394**.

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### REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The committee on **Transportation and Tourism** reports and recommends:

**Senate [Clearinghouse Rule 07–084](#)**

Relating to motorcycle courses.

No action taken.

*ROGER BRESKE*  
Chairperson